(b) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi rejected Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) plea for allowing them to make special dispensation admission pending finalisation of a writ petition filed by an association of KVS employees.

The writ petition was disposed of as infructuous in view of Government's orders abolishing all discretionary quotas enjoyed by the Ministers in all the Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India. The Government are abiding by the directions of the Hon'ble Court.

Maintenance in Flight No. 411

876. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for poor maintenance, substandard catering service and mutilated and broken chairs in Delhi-Lucknow-Patna bound flight No. 411 leaving at 5.15 P.M. from Delhi;

(b) whether the complaints from the M.Ps and other general passengers are not entertained; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Alliance Air is unlifting meals in its flights from reputed caterers. The supplies from these caterers are monitored regularly to ensure quality service to the passengers. Aircraft interior is also checked regularly and kept clean and tidy.

(b) and (c) Complaints received are immediately acknowledged and thoroughly examined by Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air. Corrective action is taken wherever required to improve the service to the passengers.

Irrigation Project damaged by Earthquake

877. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects and multipurpose projects damaged due to earthquake during 1995-96, 1996-97, and the current year so far, State-wise;

(b) the total loss suffered as a result thereof during the above period;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive action plan to repair the dams and projects damaged due to earthquake; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No damage to irrigation & multipurpose projects was reported due to earthquake during 1995-96 and 1996-97. During the current year, i.e. 1997-98 and earthquake with an intensity of 6 on the Richter scale occurred about 20 Km. North-East of Jabalpur City in Madhya Pradesh in the early morning of 22.5.1997. No major damage to dams has been reported due to above earth-quake However, minor damages to 43 Water Resources structures in Madhya Pradesh have been reported.

(b) The total cost of repair work as estimated by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for damaged Water Resources structures is Rs. 304.46 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has already started implementation of Short-term measures from State Funds costing about Rs. 47 lakhs. Long-term measures are planned to be taken up after the monsoon season.

[English]

Deficiencies in IAF Training System

878. SHRI RAMBAHADUR SINGH :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to equip the IAF with multi-role fighter aircraft US-30 when a potentially dangerous gap exists in IAF training system; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to remove the deficiency in the advanced training system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) In order to maintain the combat force level of the IAF to cater for retirement of ageing combat aircraft, it has inducted state-of-the-art multi-role US-30 aircraft. There is however, no potentially dangerous gap in the training system of the IAF. Sufficient IAF personnel have undergone training in Russia on SU-30 aircraft. The training facilities for training of additional personnel are being set up by the IAF. This facility will have necessary infrastructure required to meet the operational/maintenance training requirements.